

G.R.S. Form #114-B

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DATE 1/19/22.

1. NAME BURNHAM, Paul J. SERIAL No. 2286769

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. M. 363rd Inf. DIVISION 91

GRAVE LOCATION Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232-Sec. 26. ROMAGNE-ss-MONTFAUCON

56 Sec. 26 GRAVE ROW PLOT 2

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION 19 A Row 2 (Cheppy) Meuse B.A. C. Very-Form 1-a D-8278

COORDINATES 273.5N 308.2 Verdun S. E. 35 O.K.

CONCENTRATED TO 4-24-19 66 Sec. 26 DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT

Meuse Argonne 1232 CEMETERY CTY. NUMBER

Data concerning any identification found on remains when concentrated, such as collar insignias, letters, broken bones, missing parts, etc.

DATE OF DEATH on body Oct 1, 1918

STATE FROM WHICH HE CAME Mont.

MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED

Data from Form 1

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

ejr.tm DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT CEMETERY

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR Wm M. Cline Captain Q.M.C.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION 1/19/22 23 16 G. DATE GRAVE ROW PLOT BLOCK.

Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery #1232, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse. CEMETERY

AUDITED BY M.J.D. - 3/26/23

MAY 4 1926

APR 30 1926 WORLD WAR DIV.

# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

.. **Burnham** ..... **2286768** ..... **Paul** .....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

.. **Pvt.** ..... **Co. M, 363rd Infantry** .....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL... **October 4, 1918.** .....

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

..... **Map Verdun-A;** .....

..... **L-084-734** .....

GRAVE NUMBER... **Grave 4; Row 4** .....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?.....

**✓** Headboard? **Yes**..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?..... **Yes** .....

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker? **Yes** .....

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

REPORTED BY: **Louis J. Egelson**

**1st Lt. Chaplain, Hqs. 91st Div.**  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be sent to Chief of Graves Registration Service.

Co M 363rd Inf.  
91st Division

BURNHAM, Paul J.-Pvt 2286768  
Home: Brooks, Montana

Informant was an eye witness to having seen Pvt Burnham shortly after he was hit by a high explosive on Sept. 30th 1918 .

He was severely wounded and died a few hours after at the Medical Station. His body was buried at the northern edge of Chevy woods, near Very, France .

Informant knew Pvt Burnham by his Christian name .  
No other man of same name was in company or battalion .  
Statements of Informant can be relied upon to be accurate .

Informant : Clark, Clarence C.-Cpl 2265305  
Co M 363rd Inf.

Home : Sausalito, Calif.

Searcher : W.M. Ackley  
Capt. 363rd Inf.

Emergency address:  
Mrs Ada Burnham  
Borke, Montana  
Brooks.

A/A/

*Burnham, Paul J.*

## WESTERN MILITARY BUREAU

### ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

*Pvt.*

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE SAILING FROM NEW YORK CITY July 30, 1930

Spokane County, State of Washington

Name Burnham, Mrs Ada (0-9)

Address E. 3608 26th Ave., Spokane, Washington.

Route going: Nor Pac St Paul, CB&Q Chicago, NYC&StL Buffalo, DL&W ~~██████████~~

Return: DL&W Buffalo, NYC&StL Chicago, CMSt P & P

(Desires stopover Chicago and Harlowton, Mont.)

		ROAD	TRAIN	TIME	DATE
Itinerary going	✓ Lv Spokane	Nor Pac	2	7:00 AM	July 25
	Ar St Paul	" "	"	10:45 PM	" 26
	Lv "	CB&Q	50	11:00 PM	" "
	✓ Ar Chicago	"	"	9:15 AM	" 27
	✓ Lv "	NYC&StL	2	11:00 AM	" "
	✓ Ar New York	DL&W	"	3:30 PM	" 28
	Lv (Hoboken)				
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Accommodations: Standard sleeper Spokane, Wash., to Chicago, Ill., and Chicago, Ill., to New York, N. Y.

Elapsed Time: 77 Hrs 30 Min *3 1/4*

Extra Fare:

*HBT.*  
*MMA*

Party 0

# MEDICAL RECORD

*Burnham, Paul J.*  
*Bot, Co M, 363 Inf.*

Station: S. S. America

Date: E stbound

Name Burnham, Mrs. Ada

Home address E. 3608 26th Ave. Spokane, Wash.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Husband, Mr. L.W. Burnham  
same address

Religion Protl. Age 59

History of Present complaint: Fell on deck and injured knee

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

# MEDICAL RECORD

*Burnham, Paul J.*  
*Bot Co M, 363 Inf.*

Station: Early Group

Date: Aug 8 - 1930

Name Mrs. Ada Burnham

Home address East 3608. 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue Spokane, Wash

Address of Nearest friend or relative Husband, J. W. Burnham  
Same address.

Religion Protestant Age 59.

History of Present complaint: L. Knee injured before  
arriving Paris - abrasion - dressed &  
strapped by Major Kenner.

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Fell on deck and caused an abrasion on rt. prepatellar surface,  
iodine and sterile dressing applied

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

Aug. 1st, Knee painted c iodine, sterile dressing  
Aug. 5th, " " c mercurchrome

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks: 8/8/30 Contusion over Rt. Patella c hematoma, strapped.  
A.W.K.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates) *Aug 12<sup>th</sup> - Abrasion redressed &  
Banded by Major Keener. Improving.*

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

*Aug 12-30 to Cherbourg - Beach*

Party "G" - Itinerary - Meuse-Argonne Group.

Burnham, Paul J.

Sailed July 30, 1930 on SS "AMERICA". Major E. M. Halpine in charge. Colonel Oliver L. Spaulding Jr, observer. Arrived Cherbourg at day break. Special tender arrived 4:55 am bearing Capt. Wm. V. Ochs, Lawrence Mitchell and Wm. F. Dalton; Lts. Wm. J. Moroney, Michael H. Zwicker, E. V. Freeman and W. J. Morin; Major H. W. Kinderman; Miss Blanche Fulton, Capt. A. H. C. and 4 nurses; 3 civilian employees. Train left 8:21 am; arrived Gare des Invalides, Paris, 2:16 pm. Met by Col. Ellis and members of his staff, interpreters and nurses. Taken to hotel in busses.

- August 8th Morning devoted to transaction of personal business. Exchange of money, preparation of laundry, etc. Afternoon - Arc de Triomphe. Wreath laid by Mrs. J. Lukish for party. Tea and reception at Restaurant Laurent. Dinner at hotel.
- August 10th Morning, free or church, lunch at hotel, 2:00pm visit to Louvre. Dinner at hotel. 9:00 - 11:00 pm sightseeing night trip.
- August 11th Morning, sightseeing trip Notre Dame; Lunch at Hotel; 2:15 sightseeing trip Napoleon's Tomb; Dinner at hotel.
- August 12th Morning free or shopping. Lunch at hotel. Afternoon free. Dinner at hotel - pack luggage to be left at hotel.
- August 13th Leave 7:15 am - Via Porte de Pantin, Meaux, La Porte-sous-Jouarre. Arrive Montairail 1:00am. Rest Hotel du Vert Gallant one hour. Arrive Chalons s/Marne 1:00 pm. Lunch hotel Haute-More-Dieu. Arrive Ste. Menchould 4:16 pm, rest Modern Hotel Ste. Menchould. 6:16 pm arrive Verdun, dinner and sleep.
- August 14, Daily trips made from Verdun to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, 15, 16 & 17.
- August 15th Left Verdun 9:15 am for Reims. Lunch at Cemetery. Left 2:00pm via Charpentry, Argonne Forest, Four-de-Paris, Vienne-Le-Chateau, Vienne-la-Ville, Soame-Bionns. Rest stop Hotel Champagne at Suippes. Jonchery, St. Nilaire-le-Grand. Arrived Reims 6:00pm. Dinner and sleep Hotel Bristol Crystal.
- August 19th Visited Cathedral and Reims. Lunch Hotel Crystal. Departed 1:30pm for Paris via Champfleury, Ay, Spornay, Dormans, Chateau Thierry (rest stop Hostellerie du Bonhomme) Belleau Woods, Le Thiolet, Montreuil-aux-Lions, La Porte-sous-Jouarre. Arrive Paris 6:45 pm. Dinner at hotel.
- August 20th Leave 9:45 am for Fontainebleau via Barbizon. Lunch Hotel Legris. Visit Chateau. Depart 4:00 pm via Melun for Paris. Arrive Paris 6:30 pm. Dinner at hotel.
- August 21st Leave 9:15 am for Versailles. Visit Chateau (entrance from 10:00 to 10:30 am). Leave Versailles 11:50 am. Lunch 12:30 at Belle Cycliste - Suresnes. 2:16 pm depart sightseeing trip Sacre Coeur, Paris. Dinner at Hotel - Pack luggage.
- August 22nd Leave Gare Des Invalides for Cherbourg and United States. Boat train arrived Cherbourg 4:26. SS President Roosevelt sailed 6:20pm. Arrive NY August 30th.

Mrs. Ada Burnham

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 "PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS"  
 ROOM 901  
 225 WEST 34TH ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

*BURNHAM, PAUL J. M.A.*

Party ..... 0 .....

Number ..... 2717 .....

REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATION

MRS. ADA BURNHAM

..... Actual cost of through Pullman.  
 Name of Traveler

SPOKANE, SPOKANE COUNTY,

..... New York, to ..... SPOKANE, WASH.  
 Home Address

WASH.

\$ ~~52.65~~  
 28.88 *75 cent*

New York, to ..... SPOKANE, WASH.  
 Destination

Via ..... DL&W TO BUFFALO - N Y C & ST L TO CHICAGO - C.M. ST. P. & P. TO DEST.

LIMIT - OCT 31-30 ..... AUGUST 31, 1930 .....  
 Date of Departure

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower or Seat	Car	U. S. G. Order No.	Actual Cost	
LV	HOBOKEN	DL&W	5	8/31	2:20P	L-3	L-14	WQ-1,023,664	9.00
AR	CHICAGO	NKP	1	9/1	4:50P				
LV									
AR									
LV	CHICAGO	C.M. ST P & P	15	1st day	10:30P	L-			
AR	HARLOWTON	"	15	3rd day	7:05A		WQ-1,023,665	14.25	
LV									
AR									
LV	HARLOWTON	C.M. ST P & P	15	1st day	7:15A	L-			
AR	SPOKANE	"	15	" "	9:55P		WQ-1,023,666	6.38	
LV									
AR									

TOTAL *29.63*  
~~28.88~~

Remarks:

STOP OVER - CHICAGO, ILL. - HARLOWTON, MONT. *75*

Escorted to train by Capt. William Hesketh.

Arrived 3:30 P. M. July 28, 1930 met by Capt. Richard H. Darrell and escorted to the Knights of Columbus Hotel where she was quartered with Mrs. Maude C. Betterton.

Occupied Cabin # 243 with Mrs. Cora Nivin and Mrs. Anna Burlock. Two pieces baggage.

On return to New York from Europe she went to Penna Hotel and occupied room with Mrs. Maude C. Betterton.

Name BURNHAM, Mrs Ada

Paris Hôtel HOTEL AMBASSADOR

Home address BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN  
E. 3608 26th Ave., Spokane, Spokane County, Washington

Party 0 Group 1 Unit SS. (AMERICA)

Date of arrival Aug-8-1930 Date of departure SS. ROOSEVELT-Aug-22-1930

Relationship Mother

Name of deceased BURNHAM, Paul J.

Rank Pvt Organization Co. M, 363d Inf

Cemetery Meuse-Argonne

REMARKS

*Mrs. Ada Burdick*



9. Validst

-2717

NAME BURNHAM, MRS. ADA

S.S. ROOSEVELT AUG 30 1930

HOME SPOKANE, SPOKANE COUNTY, WASH.

R.R. D. Lowt Buff.

STATION Myer St. Lk Chi.

TRAIN # C.M. St. P. P.P.K. Spokane

CAR #

BERTH OR SEAT

TIME

DATE Oct. 31-30-

stay on  
Chicago Ill  
Harlowton Mont

July 14th, 1930

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
E. 3608 25th Avenue,  
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Madam:

Please attach the enclosed tags to each piece of baggage, thus to protect the safe arrival of same in New York.

Upon your arrival in this City, you will be met at the Railroad Station by a United States Army Officer, in uniform, who will wear on the left sleeve of his coat a blue cloth band, showing a Gold Star and the word "Pilgrimage". This officer will escort you and your baggage to your Hotel in New York City.

For the Officer in Charge:

George F. R. Taylor,  
1st. Lieut., Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Enclosures:  
2 tags.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB-HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME <i>Burnham</i>	<i>BUR</i>	3	<i>2 12 8</i>
<i>Paul J</i> BURIED	CEMETERY <i>1232</i>	1	<i>1</i>
	GRAVE <i>23</i>	2	<i>23</i>
	ROW <i>16</i>	2	<i>16</i>
	BLOCK <i>C</i>		<i>3</i>
STATE	<i>Montana</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>
RANK	<i>Pvt</i>	1	<i>2</i>
DIVISION	<i>91</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>91</i>
ORGANIZATION	<i>363</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>363</i>
ARM	<i>Inf</i>	1	<i>1</i>
MARTIAL	<i>no</i>	1	<i>2</i>
NAME <i>Burnham</i>	<i>BUR</i>	3	<i>2 12 8</i>
<i>Mrs. Ada</i> RESIDENCE	STATE <i>Washington</i>	2	<i>56</i>
	COUNTY <i>Spokane</i>	2	<i>32</i>
	CITY <i>Spokane</i>	3	<i>029</i>
RELATION	<i>Mother</i>	1	<i>1</i>
OTHER		1	
ELIGIBILITY	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	<i>Good</i>	1	<i>1</i>
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO.	1	
	YR.	1	
ACCEPTANCE	<i>yes</i>	1	<i>1</i>
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RD-29/514/PJ.

*Checked*  
OCT 14 1931  
*me*  
*pm*

WAR DEPARTMENT

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Penalty for private use to avoid  
payment of postage, \$300.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

NAME ..... BURNHAM, MRS. ADA  
E. 3608 26th Ave., SPOKANE, SPOKANE CO.,  
ADDRESS ..... WASH.

BURNHAM, PAUL J. DATE Oct. 30 - 1930  
TO: Officer-In-Charge, SPOKANE CO.  
PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs. Ada Burnham  
E 3608 - 26 - Spokane - Wash.

1232

STATE

BURNHAM, PAUL J.

WASHINGTON.....

M

E. 3608 26th Ave.,

NAME Burnham, Mrs. Ada..... HOME ADDRESS Spokane  
Spokane County.....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEAREST KIN L. Burnham Spokane.....

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

DATE July 29..... HOTEL K of C..... ROOM NO. 923.....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

DATE JUL 30 1930..... VESSEL S/S AMERICA..... CABIN NO. 243C.....

DESTINATION CHERBOURG..... CEMETERY M. A......

RETURN NEW YORK

DATE ... AUG 30 1930

E. 3608 26th Ave.,

NAME <sup>M</sup> ..... Burnham, Mrs. Ada ..... HOME ADDRESS ..... Spokane, .....

Spokane County, Wash.

RETURN ON S. S. .... S/S ROOSEVELT HOTEL ..... ROOM NO. 1742

PENNSYLVANIA

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

AUG 31 1930

DATE .....

ROAD *D.L.W.* TRAIN *5* CAR *L3* BERTH or SEAT *L3*

REMARKS .....

*Chicago - Ill - Harlowtown, Mont.*

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party 0  
I. Murie, R.N.

Station: MA Group

Date: Aug. 8, 1930

Name Burnham, Mrs. Ada

Home address E 3608 26th Ave., Spokane, Wash.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Husband, J.W. Burnham  
same address

Religion Prot. Age 59

History of Present complaint: L. Knee injured before arriving Paris.  
Abrasions: Dressed and strapped by Maj. Kenner

8/22/30 to Cherbourg, Beach

(over)

INSTRUCTIONS. — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the Office of the Chief Surgeon.

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*Quiba*  
*□-2*

# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: "0"

S. S. AMERICA

--- Eastbound  
Westbound

Name BURNHAM, MRS. ADA

Home Address E. 3608 26th Ave., SPOKANE, SPOKANE COUNTY, WASH.

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Mr. E. W. Burnham - Husband  
Dame

Religion Prot Age 59

History of present complaint:

Fell on deck and injured knee

(OVER)

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks:

Diagnosis and complications: (include dates) <sup>5</sup> Fall and caused a abrasion on of  
Rt. patella surface iodine & sterile dressing applied.

Treatment and Progress: (include dates)

8/1/30 - Knee painted i iodine - sterile dressing  
8/5/30 - Knee abrasion painted i mercurachrome

Disposition: (include dates)

Remarks: 8/8/30 - Contusion over Rt Patella - hematoma  
Stripped down.

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2932-C

RETURN RECEIPT

232

*Amica 7-30-30*

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

**DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY**

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)



Date of delivery, *July*

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2932

RETURN RECEIPT

1232

*Amica 7-30-30*

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

*Jane Ada B. ...*

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, \_\_\_\_\_, 192

Form 3811

08-6116

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE \$300

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

No. 923974

630 PKG  
1930

WASH.

INSURED PARCEL

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Q. M. GENERAL

Return to \_\_\_\_\_

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

Post Office at \_\_\_\_\_

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State Washington, D. C.

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REGISTERED ARTICLE

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INSURED PARCEL

No. \_\_\_\_\_

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Q. M. GENERAL \_\_\_\_\_

(NAME OF SENDER)

MUNITIONS BUILDING

Street and Number, }  
or Post Office Box, }

WASHINGTON,

D. C.

Stop-overs Not on Trans.  
List Card and inst.  
list

QM 293 A-C  
Burnham, Paul J. - 1232 M

June 2, 1930.

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
E. 3608 - 26th Avenue,  
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 22, 1930 relative to your desire to stop over at Chicago, Illinois and Harlowton, Montana on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing on the SS AMERICA, July 30, 1930.

In connection therewith, you are advised that arrangements will be made for these stop-overs for which there will be no additional rail fare. However, there will be an extra Pullman fare of approximately seventy-five cents (\$.75) on account of the routing and stop-overs which must be paid by you from personal funds when you receive your return transportation in New York City.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

MM

Mrs. Gufford

E3608-2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Spokane Wash.  
May 22- '38

R. E. Shannon: Spokane Co.

Dear Sir: G M-293-A-C.  
1232

As Mother of Paul J. Burnham-  
1232-M, I am making the trip to  
France, on the America, which sails  
from New York - July 30-38, and  
should like, to make a stop over at  
Chicago-Ill, on the return trip.

Then if I am allowed two stop  
overs, should like to make the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
one at Harlowton-Mont.

Be sure of the one at Chicago-Ill.

Yours-

Mrs. Ada Burnham

acc.

amer.

July 30, 1930.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM TO

S. O.

Chicago, Ill.

Harlowton, Montana

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1920.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burnham, Paul J. -1232 M  
America 7-30

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
E. 3608 26th Avenue,  
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mr. L. W. Burnham  
Name

E 3608 - 26<sup>th</sup> Ave - Spokane Wash.  
Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*A. D. Hughes*  
A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl.  
Env.



America

7/30/30

1232

Burnham, Paul J

I accept the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Ada Burnham

(Name)

Spokane, Wash.

(Town or City)

(State)

QM 293 A-C  
Burnham, Paul J. 1232 M

May 8, 1930

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
E. 3608 - 26th Avenue,  
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 24 relative to your desire to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Paul J. Burnham, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

You are advised that your name has been restored to the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey and an invitation to sail on the SS "America" July 30, 1930, has been forwarded to you.

Inasmuch as the sailing list for the SS "Roosevelt" sailing May 28, 1930, has been closed, it is impossible to arrange for you to sail at that time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

EL

She ~~first declined~~ was punched no.  
Her name restored to  
invitation list +  
invit issued for  
America

July 30, 1930

Spokane Co

E3608-26<sup>th</sup> Ave Spokane Wash.

Apr. 24- '30

Mr. John T. Harris:

Q-M-Gen. of the War Dept.:  
Dear Sir:

Sometime ago I filled  
out Blank QM 293 A-C,  
stating that I should like to  
make the trip to France to see  
the grave of

Pri. Paul J. Burnham  
Co. M-363 Inf., as he is my  
son. Later<sup>on</sup> it seemed im-  
possible for me to make the  
trip, I had my name taken  
off the list. But I have  
just learned that I can go.  
Please send me the papers

required that I may make the  
trip, provided that there is  
time for me to get them in  
time to make the trip with  
the rest of the "Gold Star  
Mothers;" from Spokane Wash.  
they sail from New York,  
May 28<sup>th</sup> 1930.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Ada Burnham  
Paul J. Burnham  
1232.

QM 293 A-C

Burnham, Paul J.

March 5, 1930.

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
E. 3608 - 26th Avenue,  
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Notation has been made of the fact that you will be unable to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Paul J. Burnham, Private, Co. M, 363rd Infantry, in the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, and your name has been removed from the list of those mothers and widows scheduled to go in 1930. In the event that you should find it possible to go at some later date prior to October 31, 1933, every effort will be made to comply with your wishes in the matter.

If the Bill which has been introduced in Congress to permit those mothers and widows who are unable to make the pilgrimage to draw an amount in cash equal to the cost of the trip, should be enacted into a law, your application to be considered among those to receive this sum, will be given every consideration.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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E 3608-26 Ave

Spokane Wash.

John F. Harris:

Major G. M. Corps, Assent  
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Being the Mother of  
Paul J. Burnham Co. M  
363<sup>rd</sup> Inf. I filled out Blank  
Blank No. G M 293 A-C,  
stating that I should like to  
make the trip to France to  
see his grave.

But have since learned  
that it will be impossible  
for me to make the trip.

So please cancel my  
name from the list.

If the Bill should be  
passed, - which, entitles the  
Mother, who, cannot make  
the trip; <sup>to</sup> the same amount  
of money, that it would  
cost for the trip.

Please put my name  
on that list.

Yours respectfully  
My address <sup>is</sup> changed from Brook-Mont,  
to - Mrs. Cida Burnham

E 3608-26<sup>th</sup> Ave

Spokane  
Wash.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Burnham, Paul J. 1232 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
E. 3608 - 26th Avenue,  
Spokane, Washington.

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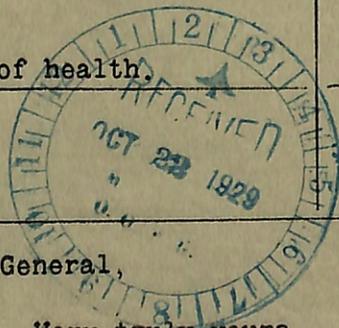
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states she will be unable  
to make trip  
Card rechecked and removed from list*

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <i>Yes</i> (No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes) <i>Yes</i> (No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes) (No) <i>No</i>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <i>58</i> Health <i>good</i> (Years) (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <i>Yes</i> (No) Other language <i>No</i> (Specify language spoken)



For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burnham, Paul J.  
1232

Sept. 4, 1929

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
Brooks, Montana.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated June 29, 1929 making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:

*Was not married*

2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite.

*Mother -  
Mrs. Ada Burnham*

3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?

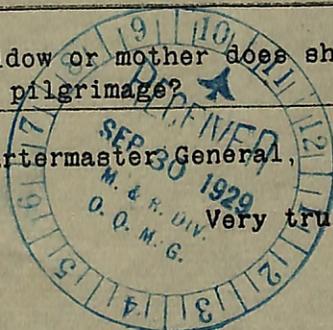
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Spokane - Wash.  
Mother - wishes to  
make the Pilgrimage*

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John Harris*  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Burnham, Paul J.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
Brooks, Montana.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Paul J. Burnham, Co. M, 363rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since remarried it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

June 12, 1930.

Burnham, Paul J. -1232 M

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
E. 3600 26th Ave.,  
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Madam:

Somewhat heavier clothing is required to be worn in Europe than is necessary in the United States, in order to be comfortable. During the summer in Europe it is cool during the day and the nights are frequently chilly. Considerable rain is usually encountered during this time.

In order that you may be comfortable at all times, regardless of the condition of the weather, and may avoid missing any of the sights or any part of the itinerary which has been planned for you, the following suggestions are made.

The clothing which you will take with you should be slightly heavier and warmer than you would normally wear in the United States during the summer and should be strong and durable. It is essential that you take with you the necessary equipment to afford protection from the cold and dampness. Be sure to take at least two pairs of comfortable shoes to provide a change in the event your feet become wet, a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, and a sweater or some warm wrap to be used should the weather become uncomfortably cool. It is very desirable that, in addition to the sweater, you have with you a full length coat of medium weight for general wear.

The shortages of suitable facilities for laundry and the frequency of the moves you will make while in Europe will make it impracticable to secure as frequent service of this nature as may be desired. You should therefore provide yourself with sufficient underwear, nightgowns, stockings and handkerchiefs to meet your requirements should it be impossible to have your washing done more frequently than once in two weeks.

If you will read carefully the suggestions made above, and comply with them, it will add greatly to your comfort throughout the trip and will assist the Government in carrying out successfully its plans for conducting the pilgrimage. This letter is being sent to every mother and widow who has accepted the invitation sent to her by the Government to visit the grave of her son or husband.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

QM 293 A-C  
Burnham, Paul J. - 1232 M

June 2, 1930.

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
E. 3608 - 28th Avenue,  
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 22, 1930 relative to your desire to stop over at Chicago, Illinois and Harlowton, Montana on your return from the pilgrimage, sailing on the SS AMERICA, July 30, 1930.

In connection therewith, you are advised that arrangements will be made for these stop-overs for which there will be no additional rail fare. However, there will be an extra Pullman fare of approximately seventy-five cents (\$.75) on account of the routing and stop-overs which must be paid by you from personal funds when you receive your return transportation in New York City.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burnham, Paul J. 1232 M  
America 7-30

May 15, 1930

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
E. 3608 26th Ave.,  
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Madam:

Requests for stop-overs on return from the pilgrimage to the American cemeteries in Europe are being received by this office, in some cases, too late to take action.

Transportation arrangements for the round-trip are made a month before departure and requests for stop-overs on return must be in this office at that time.

Stop-overs can not be allowed on the trip to New York or in Europe, but may be allowed at any point on return from New York provided there is no additional cost or, if there is, that it is paid in advance by the pilgrim.

If you desire stop-overs at any point on return, please advise this office AT ONCE as to the cities where you desire to stop and we will be glad to arrange accordingly, or advise you if there is any additional cost to be paid by you. Send your request direct to this office and do NOT include it with your passport application.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 14, 1930.

Burnham, Paul J. 1232 K  
Burnham,

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
E. 3608 26th Ave.,  
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Madam:

The following instructions prepared by the Secretary of State contain the necessary instructions to be followed by you in obtaining the passport or travel document to be utilized in connection with your pilgrimage to the cemeteries in Europe. Please read the directions carefully and call in person upon the nearest Passport Agent or clerk of a Federal or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens. Passport Agencies are located in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. In large cities there are usually two or more courts and at each county-seat a state court authorized to accept these passport applications.

When you make this call be sure to take with you the four photographs called for in the instructions together with your invitation as a means of identification. You should take with you to the passport office at this time a friend who is an American citizen and who has known you for several years. The passport Agent or clerk of the court will mail your application to the Secretary of State in Washington, D. C., who will issue the passports and travel documents and will deliver them to The Quartermaster General to be held by him until your arrival in New York.

The instructions prepared by the Secretary of State are as follows:

"A mother or widow who owes allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Special Pilgrimage Passport through a Passport Agent or through a clerk of a Federal court or State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens and on the form prescribed by that Department. When making application, she should be accompanied by a credible witness who is an American citizen and who has known her for a period of two years or more. With her application she should submit four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3x3 inches in size not less than 2½x2½ inches in size and such documentary

evidence of her American citizenship as she may have in her possession. In the absence of evidence of citizenship, her application should be witnessed by a credible person residing in the same community who is an American citizen, has known her for a long period of time and is able to swear to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that she is a citizen of the United States.

"A mother or widow who does not owe allegiance to the United States must apply to the Department of State for a Pilgrimage Travel Document through a clerk of a Federal court or a State court having jurisdiction to naturalize aliens or through a Passport Agent upon the form of application prescribed for that purpose, entitled APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL DOCUMENT, issued under the Act of March 2, 1929, submitting therewith four photographs on a light background and on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in size and not less than 2½ x 2½ inches in size. When making application she should be accompanied by a credible witness who has known her for a period of two years or more.

"The Act of March 2, 1929, provides that no fee shall be charged for the execution of an application for a passport or travel document or for the issue of a passport or travel document to a mother or widow making a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines of the American forces are now interred.

"Special Pilgrimage Passports and Pilgrimage Travel Documents when issued by the Department of State will be forwarded to the War Department.

"Applicants resident in Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle should execute applications at the Passport Agencies in those cities."

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1930.

IN REPLY ~~to~~ <sup>QM 293-A-C</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>1232 M</sup>  
Burnham, Paul J.  
America 7-30

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
E. 3608 26th Avenue,  
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not furnished the name of your Emergency Addressee as requested in letter of instructions from this office.

It is requested that in the blank space below you write the name and address of the person in the United States whom you desire to be notified in case you become seriously ill or other emergency arises while you are making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

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Name

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Address

Please fill in the above and mail it TODAY in the self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C  
Burnham, Paul J. 1232 M

May 8, 1930

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
E. 3608 - 26th Avenue,  
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 24 relative to your desire to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Private Paul J. Burnham, under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929.

You are advised that your name has been restored to the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to make the journey and an invitation to sail on the SS "America" July 30, 1930, has been forwarded to you.

Inasmuch as the sailing list for the SS "Roosevelt" sailing May 28, 1930, has been closed, it is impossible to arrange for you to sail at that time.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
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In reply refer to QM 293 A-C

April 29, 1930.

Burnham, Paul J. 1232 M

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
E. 3608 26th Ave.,  
Spokane, Wash.  
Dear Madam:

This letter, which contains general information regarding the pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe, is being sent to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during the calendar year 1930. The general plan for the conduct of the pilgrimage is shown in the Pilgrimage Regulations, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In addition to the information shown in the regulations, the following explains in detail some of the most important things connected with the pilgrimage.

Formal invitations are being extended to each mother and widow who has expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage during 1930. In so far as practicable, these invitations are being extended with a view to keeping the women from each state together and the order in which the invitations to the women from the several states are issued is based on a drawing by lot which was held about one month ago. Inclosed with each invitation is a card for acknowledgment and it is quite important that you accept or decline this invitation promptly in order that the necessary railroad, steamship and hotel reservations may be arranged. The government will defray all the necessary expenses of the pilgrimage, including railroad fare, hotel accommodations, steamship fare and all other incidental expenses. It will not provide anything other than the necessary expenses so that you should bring with you such funds as you may desire to use for making small purchases and for other uses distinctly of a personal nature.

Arrangements have been made with the American Railroad Association which assures us the united support and cooperation of all of the railroads in the United States in handling the movement to and from New York City. The local ticket agent will secure your railroad and sleeper ticket and will make the necessary pullman reservations. Before your departure from your home we will mail you a check, sufficient to pay for your meals and other travelling expenses while enroute to New York. Your railroad ticket will provide for a round trip from your home to New York and upon arrival in New York the army officer in charge of the New York office will collect the return trip stub and hold it until your return to New York from Europe.

Upon arrival in New York, you will be met by an army officer

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and escorted to a first class hotel where reservations have been made. The duration of your stay in New York will be from 24 to 48 hours. At the proper time, you will be escorted to the steamship upon which passage has been engaged for Europe. All of the women making this trip will be provided with cabin class accommodations aboard steamers which means that from two to four will be quartered in the same stateroom. If you have any friend that you would like to be quartered with we will endeavor to arrange it if you will communicate with this office.

The ocean voyage will last about 8 days and when the ship docks at Cherbourg, France, each party will be met by officers especially detailed for the purpose and taken in a special train to Paris where first class hotel accommodations have been reserved. The first day in Paris will be a day of rest. On the 2d day, the women of each party will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier. In the afternoon there will be a reception in which the French war mothers, government officials, and prominent civilians will participate. The following morning the groups going to the different cemeteries will leave Paris, travelling in motor busses, and proceed to the cemeteries where they will remain for about 7 days. Twenty-five women will be assigned to each bus and an army officer will have charge of the bus. The itineraries to and from the cemeteries and the daily itineraries while at the cemeteries have been varied so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some parts of the battlefields where American troops were engaged. Upon return to Paris, each party will remain for about 5 days and during this time an opportunity will be given to see the points of historical interest in Paris and vicinity. The entire duration of your stay in Europe will be 14 days, and the itineraries have been so arranged that each day will be provided for. Except in case of illness or other unavoidable cause it will not be possible for any woman making the pilgrimage to remain in Europe for a longer period than 14 days nor to leave the party with which she is travelling unless she is prepared to pay all of her expenses after leaving the party since the Act of Congress authorizing the pilgrimage specifically states that the government shall not pay the expenses of any woman who willfully leaves her party.

Upon return to the United States each ship will be met in New York City by army officers who will escort the mothers and widows to the trains which will take them home. Before leaving New York each woman will be provided with her return railroad ticket, a sleeping car ticket and funds to cover the cost of meals and other travelling expenses.

Army officers are being used as guides and escorts throughout this entire movement and care has been taken to select officers who will see that proper care is taken of the women who are entrusted to their charge. Arrangements have been made for taking care of women who may be taken sick during the pilgrimage and also to care for the remains of any who may die and provision has been made for returning the remains of any who may die to their homes. It is essential that each woman making the pilgrimage furnish The Quartermaster General with an emergency address of some relative or friend to be notified in the event of an emergency. Medical care will be provided by civilian agencies. If such care is needed in New York City it will be furnished by the hotel physicians or

by local hospitals. Aboard ship, medical care will be provided by the ship's doctors and in Paris arrangements have been made with the American Hospital for the hospitalization and treatment of any women who may need it. In addition to this, six doctors of the regular army will be on duty throughout the pilgrimage.

Baggage will be limited to not to exceed two pieces of hand baggage and the articles taken should be such as will be required for a trip of about one month. Laundry service can be obtained in New York and Paris. Since the climate of Europe is much colder than that of the United States, each woman should provide herself with sufficient warm clothing to stand the motor bus trip and the visit to the cemeteries.

Since it is necessary for this office to make all reservations for your accommodations throughout this pilgrimage, it will be greatly appreciated if you will make prompt reply to any communications received from this office.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C

Burnham, Paul J.

March 5, 1930.

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
E. 3608 - 26th Avenue,  
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Madam:

Notation has been made of the fact that you will be unable to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Paul J. Burnham, Private, Co. M, 863rd Infantry, in the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery, and your name has been removed from the list of those mothers and widows scheduled to go in 1930. In the event that you should find it possible to go at some later date prior to October 31, 1933, every effort will be made to comply with your wishes in the matter.

If the Bill which has been introduced in Congress to permit those mothers and widows who are unable to make the pilgrimage to draw an amount in cash equal to the cost of the trip, should be enacted into a law, your application to be considered among those to receive this sum, will be given every consideration.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Burnham, Paul J. 1232 M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
E. 3608 - 26th Avenue,  
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No) Other language (Specify language spoken)	

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

**Burnham, Paul J.**  
1232

Sept. 4, 1929

**Mrs. Ada Burnham,**  
Brooks, Montana.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office do not indicate that a reply has been received to our communication dated **June 29, 1929** making inquiry concerning the name and address of the mother and widow of the deceased service man above named. These addresses are desired with a view to ascertaining the number of mothers and widows who desire to make a pilgrimage to the cemeteries of Europe in which the remains of their sons and husbands are interred.

Will you please fill in the answers to the following questions in the space provided on this letter, and return the letter to this office in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage?

Write answers in space below

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| 1. Is the deceased survived by a widow who has not since remarried? If so, give her complete address:  | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>       |
| 2. If he is survived by a mother, stepmother, mother thru adoption, or any other woman who stood in loco parentis to him, according to the terms of Section 4 of the enclosed Act, give her name, address, and relationship in the space opposite. | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
| 3. If survived by a widow or mother does she desire to make the pilgrimage?  | <hr/> <hr/>             |

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

Burnham, Paul J.

June 29, 1929.

Mrs. Ada Burnham,

Brooks, Montana.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Private Paul J. Burnham, Co. H, 363rd Inf., whose remains are now interred in the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

In reply refer to:  
293 C-R

June 26, 1923.

Mrs. Ada Burnham,  
Brooks,  
Mont.

Dear Madam:

The Quartermaster General desires that you be informed that  
Private Paul J. Burnham, Company M, 363rd  
the permanent grave of  
Infantry, is Grave 23, Row 16, Block C, Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery,  
Romagne-sous-Montfaucon (Meuse), France.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries  
to be maintained by this Government in Europe. Each grave will be  
marked by a headstone of white marble, of suitable design, with  
name, rank, division, organization, date of soldier's death and State  
from which he came. The headstones will be placed at all graves in  
connection with the improvement work now in progress, as soon as  
possible and without waiting for special action or request on the  
part of relatives.

In effecting removal, the utmost care and reverence were  
exactd and more than willingly accorded by those performing this  
sacred duty. The grave of the deceased will be perpetually main-  
tained by this Government in a manner befitting the last resting  
place of our heroes.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Conner,  
Assistant.

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23/236/ARK



**REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL**

1. REMAINS OF BURNHAM, Paul J. SERIAL NUMBER 2286768

RANK Pvt. ORGANIZATION Co. M. 363rd Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Jan 18, 1922 From (give complete location): gr 66, sec 26, plot 2. Cty. 1232.

By: Group Russell. Unit Sec 1

3. Reburied (date): Jan. 19, 1922, Grave 23, Block C, Row 16, Cemetery 1232,

By: Group Reburial S Unit Unlined Casket Nature of reburial Unlined Casket

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment : wooden box and burlap and U.S. uniform. body decomposed, unrecognizable.

5. (a) Identification tags : Buried with body ? yes. On grave marker ? no

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks : body tag partly corroded, reads serial number only 2286768

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items ?

(a) Height (actual measurement) impossible to determine.

(b) Weight (estimated) do

(c) Hair—Color do

Quantity do

Characteristics do

(d) Hair on face—Color do

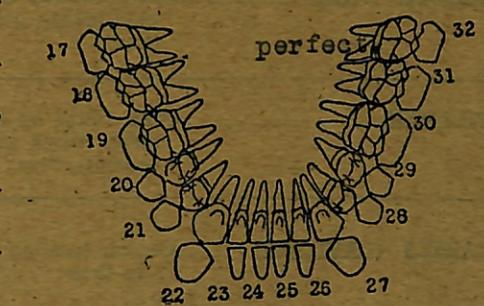
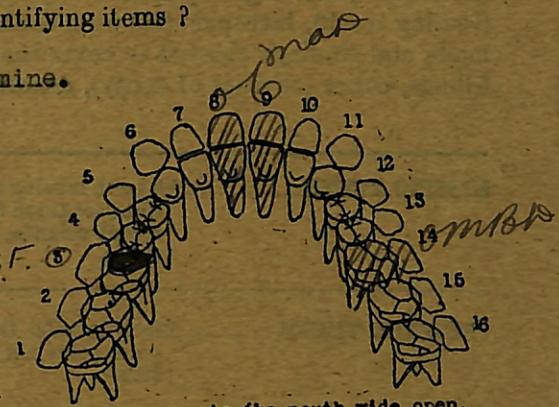
Location do

Quantity do

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) do

do

(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) none visible.



7. Disinterment supervised by C.V. Russell

Approved: A.E. Dewey 1st Lt. C.M.C.  
(Title)

8. Reburial supervised by W.B. Shields  
JEL W.B. Shields

Approved: James W. Younger  
(Title) Captain C.M.C.

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Jan 18 1922

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT jc.

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name BURNHAM, Paul J.  
 2. No. 2286769  
 3. Rank Pvt.  
 4. Org. Co. M. 363rd Inf.  
 5. D.D. 10-1st  
 6. C.D. DOW.

10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. No. 2286768  
 12. Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Org. \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. (a) D.D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) D.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 66 Sec. 26  
 8. Plot 2 Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Grave No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. \_\_\_\_\_  
 16. Plot \_\_\_\_\_ Row \_\_\_\_\_  
 17. None

18. Cemetery Meuse-Argonne Amer. Ctry

19. Commune or town ROMAGNE-ss-MONTFAUCON

20. Dept. or County Meuse

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. 1232--Sec. 26

23. Disinterred (Date) Jan 18 1922

By C V Russell

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Paul J Burnham  
 Rank Pvt

Serial No. 2286769  
 Organization Co M 363rd Inf

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? No On body? Yes

Signature Junior Technical Assistant

J L White

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail).

None

27. Condition of body Badly decomposed features unrecognizable

28. Nature of burial US Uniform burlap pine box

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above? None See Item 11

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Jan 18 1922 By C V Russell

31. Casket sealed by C V Russell

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor

C V Russell

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-20759**

32. Designation of body:

Name **Paul J. BURNHAM** Serial No. **2286769**

Rank **Pvt.** Organization **Co. M. 363rd Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Meuse-Argonne Amer. Cty. 1232, ROMAGNE-ss-MONTFAUCON (Meuse)**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Jan 18 1922** By **C V Russell**

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector *A E Dewey*

36. Remarks **A E Dewey 1st Lt. QMC**

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Jan 18 1922** **cc**

To point of Concentration **Morgue Romagne**

Convoyer **WJ Royed** Signature Shipping Officer *G F Spann* (Name **G F Spann, Capt. QMC**)

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

By G.R.S. Representative

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date

To Permanent Cemetery

Convoyer Signature Shipping Officer (Name)

40. Received: Date

G.R.S. Representative

41. Reinterred: **Meuse Argonne Cemetery 1232. Jan. 2 19, 1922.**

(Date)

42. Grave No. **23** Section

43. ~~Block~~ Block **C** Row **16**

G.R.S. Representative *James W. Younger*

**JEL**

**James W. Younger,  
Captain Q.M.C.**

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

File #30844

(a) Name BURNHAM, Paul J. Ser. No. 2286768  
(b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co. M, 363rd Infantry  
(c) Date of death 10/1/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA

4/18 Examined  
1/22  
for concentration  
Munich - Argonne  
1232  
Att 4/25/22

TYP. DMA  
CKR. B. J.

II. REGISTRATION CARD.—(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc., Ind., Inf.):

(a) Grave No. 66 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 26 TYP. DMA  
(b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ada Burnham (mother) Brooks, Mont.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

CKR. B. J.

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt

(a) Name Mrs. Ada Burnham (b) Relationship Mother  
(c) Address Brooks, Mont.  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? No  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-9-1921

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from

dated confirming request in Par. IV., item above, or requesting that

No correspondence

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-9-1921

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows:

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? Yes PF

Examiner's Initials PF Date 4-9-1921

COUNTRY FRANCE CEMETERY No. 1232-SEG. 26 SHEET No. 24

JUN 2 1921

Handwritten initials

Checked D. C. 4-22-21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 192

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 192

VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
letter on **MAY 25 1921**, 192

*Sec 26* **PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED** (N.A.S)

IX. REMARKS

DISCREPANCIES

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

A.G.O. Card & Corr.

DISCREPANCIES

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

G. R. S. Corr

DISCREPANCIES

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

Checkers

DISCREPANCIES

Name

Rank

Serial No.

Org.

Remarks

*checked 2/11*

S-1783/MB

*4-9-21*

*7. SW sent,  
4-13-21,*

**COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA**

See Form 115  
Att 4/25/22

File #30844

**I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:**

(a) Name BURNHAM, Paul J. Ser. No. 2286768 DMA  
 (b) Rank Pvt. Organization Co.M, 363rd Infantry TYP.  
 (c) Date of death 10/1/18 (d) Cause of death DWRIA B.J.

**II. REGISTRATION CARD.—(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc., Ind., Inf.):**

(a) Grave No. 66 Row - Plot 2 Sec. 26 DMA  
 (b) Emerg. Address Mrs. Ada Burnham (mother) Brooks, Mont. TYP.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases CKR. B.J.

**IV. Information on which advice to Europe in letter of transmittal was based:**

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V. Following advice forwarded to Europe by { cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 192  
 letter of transmittal on MAY 25 1921, 192

**See 26 PARAGRAPH 2 - NOT TO BE RETURNED (423)**

VI. Form 115 forwarded to G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J., \_\_\_\_\_, 192

**VII. SUPPLEMENTARY REQUESTS.**

Date of and source.	Relationship and name.	Desires.	Action taken.
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VIII. Form 115 received from G. R. S., Hoboken, N. J. \_\_\_\_\_, 192

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ CEMETERY No. \_\_\_\_\_ SHEET No. \_\_\_\_\_

JUN 2 1921 - *AP*

Burnham,

(Surname)

Paul J.

(Christian name in full.)

2,286,768

(Army serial number.)

Pvt.

Co. H, 363 Inf.

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

Mother

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

No

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

Mrs. ~~Paul J.~~ B. Burnham

Ada

Brooks, Iowa

(Number and street or rural route.)

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

4-9-21

checked MW

1232 - See 26-24

4-9-21

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# GRAVE LOCATION BLANK

## LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

.....Burnham.....2286768.....Paul G.....  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)

.....Pvt. .... Co., M., 363rd Infantry.....  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.....October 4, 1918.....

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

.....Map Verdun-A:.....

.....L--084-734.....

GRAVE NUMBER.....Grave 4; Row 4.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?.....

Headboard?...Yes.... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....Yes.....

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?..Yes.....

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

*MONT FAUCON (NEUSE)*  
*(238) SHT 35 S. E COORDE 368*  
*N 273.4*

REPORTED BY: *Louis J. Egelson*  
*1st Lt. Chaplain, Hqs. 91st Div.*  
(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G. H. Q., A. E. F.

738-804

Daily Report No.

30844

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: BURNHAM, Paul J.

Number: 2286768

Rank: Pvt

Organization: Co H 363 Inf

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group

Unit

Disinterred (Date)

From: (Give complete location)

24th April 1919

B/A Cemetery Grave No 19

VERY, MEUSE. 35SE 308.2E 273.5N

Reburied (Date)

in: (Give complete location)

1232

24th April 1919

Grave NO 66 Sec 26 Plot 2.

Argonne American Cemetery #1232

ROMAGNE, MEUSE.

Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:

Buried in blanket, body badly decomposed, burial good.

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body? None

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Depot direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918., after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases, notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised by: Lt. Caswell

R. H. ROSENTHAL

2nd Lieut. O.M.C.U.S.A.

C.O. Group            Unit           

RJB

CONFIRMED N° 10368  
E 368

FROM: O.Q.M.G.   
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room

PLEASE  
EXPEDITE

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

SEP 8 1921  
30844

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-H  
Information requested of A.G.O.

Date 4/13/21.

File No. Requisition

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division) (SPECIAL)

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & E Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed, Request confirmation of all information shown.

FILE

NOTED FORM 115  
DATE 4-22-21

- a. Surname Burnham. OK
- b. Christian name Paul J. OK
- c. Serial Number 2286768 OK
- d. Organization Co. M, 363rd Inf. OK  
~~or (Co. H, 363rd Inf.)~~
- e. Rank Pvt. OK
- f. Date of death 10/1/18. OK
- g. Cause of death DWRIA. OK
- h. Authority (C.O.#)  
Mrs. Ada Burnham
- i. Emergency address  
Brooks, Mont.
- j. Relationship mother.

BODY DESCRIPTION  
(See page #2 of the Service Record)

DENTAL CHARTS  
(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

- a. Age of enlistment
  - b. Color of eyes
  - c. Color of hair
  - d. Height
  - e. Weight
  - f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)
  - a. Strike out teeth missing
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
upper right upper left
- 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
lower right lower left

APR 18 1921

Donnelly  
Enl. Pers. Sec. Wg. 8  
4-16-21.

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

BY: *[Signature]*  
H. J. CONNIF,  
1st. Lieut. Q.M.C.

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CEMETERY NO: C.W. 1232-Sec.26.

SHEET NO: 24  
TYPED BY: I.W.

Rec'd World War Div. 1921  
Date..... APR 15 1921

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